

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) A tamper-resistant processing method comprising the steps of:

(a) ~~deciding which step is to be selected out of the following steps (b) and (c) for each processing of one operation unit;~~

— (b) ~~after transferring whether to first transfer~~ one operation unit in the bit pattern of data A in a memory ~~in order of bit sequence of said data A~~ to a first register R1, ~~transferring R1 and then to transfer~~ one operation unit in the bit pattern of data B in the memory ~~in order of bit sequence of said data B~~ to a second register R2; ~~R2, or to first transfer~~

— (c) ~~after transferring one operation unit in the bit pattern of said data B in order of bit sequence of said data B to said second register R2, transferring R2 and then to transfer~~ one operation unit in the bit pattern in said data A ~~in order of bit sequence of said data A~~ to said first register R1;

(d) ~~(b) executing a predetermined arithmetic operation on the contents of said first register R1 and the contents of said second register R2;~~

(e) ~~(c) storing the result of said arithmetic operation in the memory,~~

~~(f) (d)~~ repeating the steps from (a) through ~~(e) (c)~~ until said arithmetic operation for said data A and said data B is finished.

6. (Currently amended) A tamper-resistant processing method comprising the steps of:

~~(a) deciding which step is to be selected out of the following steps (b) and (c) for each processing of one operation unit;~~

~~(b) after transferring whether to first transfer one operation unit of data A in a memory in order of bit sequence of said data A to a first register R1, transferring R1 and then to transfer one operation unit of data B in the memory in order of bit sequence of said data B to a second register R2;~~

~~(c) after transferring R2, or to first transfer said one operation unit of the data A in order of bit sequence of said data A to said second register R2, transferring R2 and then to transfer said one operation unit of the data B in order of bit sequence of said data B to said first register R1;~~

~~(d) (b) executing a predetermined arithmetic operation on the contents of said first register R1 and on the contents of said second register R2;~~

~~(e) (c) storing the result of said arithmetic operation in the memory;~~

~~(f) (d) repeating the steps from (a) through ~~(e) (c)~~ until said arithmetic operation on said data A and said data B is finished.~~

7. (Currently amended) A tamper-resistant processing method of claim 6 wherein ~~which one out of said steps (b) and (c) whether to first transfer one~~

operation unit of the data A to said first register R1 or to said second register R2 is to be processed is determined with the use of a generated random number.

8. (Original) A tamper-resistant processing method of claim 6 wherein said predetermined arithmetic operation is the operation for an arithmetic sum.

9. (Original) A tamper-resistant processing method of claim 6 wherein said predetermined arithmetic operation is the operation for an arithmetic product.

10. (Original) A tamper-resistant processing method of claim 6 wherein said predetermined arithmetic operation is any one of the logical sum OR, logical product AND, and exclusive logical sum EXOR.

11. – 13. (canceled)